

Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Attorney Docket No. 000996

Serial No. 09/645,471

**REMARKS**

Claims 13-20 and 22-28 are pending in this application, claims 13-15, 17 and 25-28 have been canceled herein. Claims 16, 18-20 and 22 have been amended herein. Support for the amendments is as set forth below.

**Applicants' Response to The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 13-15, 25 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Engle et al.* (USP 5,888,290). Applicants have canceled all rejected claims, and respectfully submit the rejection is now moot.

**Applicants' Response to The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 16-20 and 22-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yukinobu* (JP11-203943) in view of *Buining* (WO99-01766). In response thereto, Applicants have amended claim 16 so as to include the limitation "over 50 wt% to 95 wt% of gold". Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment distinguishes the present invention from the prior art because none of the cited references disclose this limitation. The Office Action relies on the metal particle concentration of *Yukinobu*. Specifically, the Office Action points to the disclosures in the references' claim 2 which discloses a transparent conductive base material wherein a gold-platinum complex is present in a 5-100 weight to 100 weight of silver. The Office Action deduces that this results in a material that is 50wt%. This is the basis for the rejection of claims 17, 26 and 27. See page 3, paragraph 8 of the September 29, 2004 Office Action. Applicants have amended claims 16, 26 and 27 so that they encompass only a gold particle weight percentage over 50%. The examples in the specification are over 50%. See tables 1a and 5a in the specification.

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Wherefore, in light of the amendments to the claims, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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